

# ZIKA VIRUS (ZIKV) TESTING PHLEBOTOMY & COURIER SERVICES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

## ■ COLLECTING SPECIMENS FOR ZIKA VIRUS TESTING

As of February 11, 2016, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) will be offering 3 options for collecting specimens for ZIKV diagnostic testing:



### 1. Collecting and Transporting Specimens to the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory

Providers can draw blood for ZIKV testing at their own clinic/office, and then drop-off or send in specimens with the required forms to:

Long Beach Public Health Laboratory  
2525 Grand Avenue, Room 260, Long Beach, CA 90815  
Phone: (562) 570-4080



### 2. Specimen Pick-Up From Your Clinic/Office Via Courier, Free of Charge

Providers can draw blood for ZIKV testing at their own clinic/office, and then request specimen pick-up via a courier provided free of charge by the LBDHHS. Specimens should be collected and stored per the [Zika Virus \(ZIKV\) Diagnostic Specimen Testing Guidelines](#).

To arrange for specimen pick-up from your clinic/office, please call the LBDHHS Epidemiology/Communicable Disease Control Program at (562) 570-4302.

At this time, specimen pick up is only offered on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 pm to 3 pm. Late Friday pick up can be arranged by calling (562) 570-4302 or (562) 570-4080. This schedule may expand as the need arises. Please batch specimens from multiple patients for pick up per this schedule.



### 3. Phlebotomy, Free of Charge at the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory

Providers can send patients to the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory for phlebotomy services free of charge. Please call (562) 570-4080 to schedule a blood draw appointment for your patient. All required forms must be submitted at the time of the blood draw.

## ■ REQUIRED FORMS & INFORMATION FOR ZIKV TESTING:

A complete clinical and travel history should be conducted prior to considering ZIKV testing. All specimen submissions **must** be accompanied by the following forms:

### 1. Zika Virus (ZIKV) Test Screening Questionnaire for Providers

This document can be found on [pages 9 and 10](#) of this toolkit.

Please complete all fields of the questionnaire and include relevant supporting documentation, such as a history and physical, relevant lab results, and notes.

### 2. Long Beach Public Health Laboratory Request Form

This document can be found on page 54 of this toolkit or at:

<http://longbeach.gov/health/media-library/documents/services/clinics/public-health-laboratory/laboratory-test-request-form/>